

In the Claims**Canceled Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-2 and 4-15, as being drawn to the parent application.

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1 **46.(previously presented)** A deck apparatus for a vessel comprising:
2 a top metallic layer;
3 a first ballistic layer;
4 an oxygen scavenger layer,
5 a second ballistic layer, and
6 a bottom metal layer,
7 where the apparatus is designed to increase a resistance of the vessel to an attack by an
8 explosive weapon.

1 **47.(previously presented)** The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the ballistic layers are 0.5" to 1.0"
2 thick.

1 **48.(previously presented)** The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the ballistic layers comprise belted
2 fabric material.

1 **49.(previously presented)** The apparatus of Claim 47, wherein the material is Kevlar.

1 **50.(previously presented)** The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the metallic layers are made of
2 carbon steel.

1 **51.(ne previously presented w)** The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the metallic layers are
2 several inches thick.

1 52.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer
2 comprises sodium bicarbonate or an oxygen scavenging foam.

1 53.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer is
2 about 5" to about 7" thick.

1 54.(new) The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer comprises a plurality
2 of pillows filled with an oxygen scavenger.

1 55.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 54, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer
2 comprises sodium bicarbonate.

1 56.(previously presented) A vessel apparatus comprising:

2 a deck including:

3 a top metallic layer;

4 a first ballistic layer;

5 an oxygen scavenger layer,

6 a second ballistic layer, and

7 a bottom metal layer,

8 a hull; and

9 a cargo structure including:

10 a meso-skeleton supported from the deck near the deck-hull interface;

11 a first ballistic layer interposed between the hull and the meso-skeleton;

12 a first oxygen scavenger layer interposed between the first ballistic layer and the
13 meso-skeleton;

14 a flexible bladder supported by the meso-skeleton and adapted to hold a fluid cargo;

15 a second ballistic layer interposed between the meso-skeleton and the bladder; and

16 second oxygen scavenger layer interposed between the meso-skeleton and the second
17 ballistic layer;

18 where the ballistic layers and the oxygen scavenger layers are designed to increase a
19 resistance of the vessel to an attack by an explosive weapon.

- 1 57.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the ballistic layers are 0.5" to 1.0"
2 thick.
- 1 58.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the ballistic layers comprise belted
2 fabric material.
- 1 59.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 58, wherein the material is Kevlar.
- 1 60.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the oxygen scavenger layers
2 comprise sodium bicarbonate or an oxygen scavenging foam.
- 1 61.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the oxygen scavenger layers are
2 about 5" to about 7" thick.
- 1 62.(previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the oxygen scavenger layers
2 comprise a plurality of pillows filled with an oxygen scavenger.